

# Northrop Grumman chosen for training deal

**T**he U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) has awarded Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems a five-year contract worth more than \$71 million for the III Corps Battle Command Training Branch (BCTB).

The BCTB is responsible for overseeing operations in the Battle Command Training Center, which provides digital training to new personnel, staff and leaders. The branch also supervises the Battle

Simulation Center, which provides simulation and exercise support.

"The overall objective of the III Corps BCTB is to provide critical individual, collective, battle staff and leader battle command training for major subordinate commands," said Michael Harris, contracting officer for PEO STRI.

Fort Hood BCTB in Texas is the execution hub of the digital training strategy which supports training at its spoke installations — Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Carson, Colo.; Riley, Kan.; and Fort Sill,

Okla. Fort Knox, Ky., will become a spoke installation in 2008.

The branch staff can integrate virtual and constructive domains to provide commanders with realistic training events.

"The battle staff is networked together on command and control computer systems to make synchronized decisions regarding actions that affect the conduct of battles, conflicts, and stability and support operations," said Kenneth Chambers, military analyst for PEO STRI.

Meanwhile, a consortium bidding for PEO STRI's Warfighter Field Operations Customer Support (FOCUS) program has named its industry team. The Warrior Training Alliance listed Cubic Corp., L-3 Communications Titan Group, Science Applications International Corp., Defense Training Systems Support, MPRI, Oberon and Unitech as team members. It also said more than 20 small businesses will be on its team, which is led by Raytheon and Computer Sciences Corp.

General Dynamics company Antheon, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Saab also have joined forces to compete for the FOCUS program, which will allow PEOS TRI to streamline its live, virtual and constructive training efforts worldwide under a 10-year management contract that is potentially worth between \$3 billion and \$11 billion.

## Quick Quotes

**"We have got to recognize that intellect is a very important part of the war fighter. ... Our ethic has been that you are really respected when you have really muddy boots. But if all you produce is muddy-boots people, you will not produce the George Caseys you need to lead people."**

**Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz**, DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND, DURING A BRIEFING AT THE AUSA CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CASEY IS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF U.S. FORCES IN IRAQ.

**"My glasses fogged up when she was next to me, and I couldn't see anything. I just hoped my target was at the end of the barrel."**

**U.S. Army Spc. Ahmed Mashref**, TO WHOM MISS AMERICA JENNIFER BERRY TURNED FOR SHOOTING TIPS BEFORE TRYING OUT THE ENGAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINER 2000 DURING A VISIT TO FORT SILL TRAINING CAMP IN OKLAHOMA

## Romania orders engine-room classroom

**R**omania is buying a full-mission engine-room simulator that will help provide training courses and familiarization classes to government maritime personnel and port operators across the country.

CERONAV, a public establishment subordinated to the Romanian Ministry of Transport, has issued a contract to Transas, a Russian-based sim-

ulator and training company, for its ERS 4000 full-mission engine-room simulator.

The classroom-based system simulates an engine room environment via a 3-D interactive plasma monitor that allows students to become familiar with engine room compartments, machinery layout, valves, levers and other operating equipment.

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